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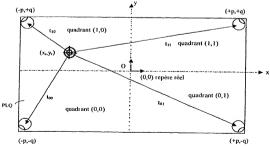
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a device for acquiring the position co-ordinates of a source of mechanical waves optionally generated by impacting the surface of a plate (PLQ) of finite dimensions comprising a set of acoustic sensors (PZT00 to PZT1) to each formed by a pair of piezoelectric transducers (PZTa, PZTb) facing each other on either side of the plate, the device including processing means for determining the co-ordinates of the source by analysing the difference in propagation time of the acoustic waves generated by the source to the different sensors. Said device is characterised in that the processing means comprise combined with each sensor (PZT00 to PZT 11) a respective electronic circuit including means mounted in cascader digitaling the amplified signal around a predetermined frequency, associated with means for limiting the digitization to a time window starting before the acoustic waves reach a sensor and ending when the acoustic wave reached said sensor.

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⁽⁵⁷⁾ Abrégé: L'invention concerne un dispositif d'acquisition des coordonnées de position d'une source d'ondes mécaniques en gendrées évenuellement par un impact à la surface d'une plaque (PLQ) de dimensions finise comprenaut un ensemble de capteurs acoustiques (PZT00 à PZT11) formés chacun d'une paire de transducteurs piézoélectriques (PZTa, PZTb) situés en vis à vis de part et d'autre de la plaque, le dispositif comprenant des moyens de traitement pour déterminer les coordonnées de la source par l'analyse de la différence de temps de propagation des ondes acoustiques engendrées par la source very les différents capteurs, dispositif caractérisé en ce que, les moyens de traitement comprennent en association avec chaque capteur (PZT00 à PZT11) un crivait électronique respectif comprenant en cascade des moyens pour numéries le signal amplifié autour d'une fréquence prédéterminée, associés à des moyens pour limiter la numérisation à une fenêtre temporelle débutant avant l'arrivée des ondes acoustiques sur ledit capteur.